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- ▣ Is aware of his spiritual poverty and bankruptcy (*Matt. 5:3; Job 40:4*) and that he is an unprofitable servant (*Luke 17:10*).
- ▣ Is glad to decrease that Christ might increase (*John 3:30*).
- ▣ Refuses to exalt himself, choosing rather to take the lowest place when necessary (*Luke 18:14*).
- ▣ Looks not on his own things, but on the things of others (*Phil. 2:4*).
- ▣ Is careful not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think (*Rom. 12:3*).
- ▣ Finds greatness in serving others (*Mark 10:43-44*).
- ▣ Does not please himself, but he seeks to please his neighbor for his good to edification (*Rom. 15:1-2*).
- ▣ Does not seek his own things, but the things that are Jesus Christ's (*Phil. 2:21*).
- ▣ Does not delight in being seen by men in a favorable light (*Matt. 6:5*), but he is willing to be scorned and abused by men as long as God is glorified (*Matt. 5:10-12*).
- ▣ Is pleased to do seemingly insignificant acts of service even when such deeds go unseen and unnoticed by others (*Luke 16:10*).
- ▣ Would rather abide with the lowly than to share riches with the proud (*Prov. 16:19*).
- ▣ Does not exercise himself in great matters, or in things that are too high for him (*Psalms 131:1-2*).
- ▣ His close companion is the fear of the LORD (*Prov. 22:4*).
- ▣ Lets others praise him, and not his own mouth (*Prov. 27:2*).
- ▣ Rejoices when God is praised and loves to boast in the LORD, who alone is worthy (*Psalms 34:2*).

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